

# Isthmians select 4 from 23

APPLICATIONS have been pouring in to the Rothmans Isthmian League for next season and officers will be busy inspecting club facilities before a decision is made on the four newcomers to be elected to the Second Division. By the weekend, 23 applications had been received and there is also one from a Southern League club on the way.

This could be the first of many as the only carrot left for most of the Southern League clubs is the outside chance of a place in the Football League, following the proposed link up with the Northern Premier which in turn will increase travelling expenses.

The 23 applications received are: Addlestone, Cheshunt, Edmonton-Haringey, Erith and Belvedere, Farnborough Town, Harrow Borough, Hoddesdon, Kingsbury, Lewes, Marlow, Redhill, Wembley, Aylesbury, Eastbourne Town, Egham, Eton Manor, Grays Athletic, Hemel Hempstead, Hornchurch, Letchworth, Leyton, Rainham Town, Ware.

The Middlesex Wanderers are to carry on and plans are already well under way for them to tour Malaysia in the summer. Those globe trotting amateurs with their famous lamb mascot have spread the football gospel throughout the world have changed their constitution to allow any British player to turn out for them.

At one time it was feared that with the spread of open football, they would just fade away. Secretary, Les Taylor pointed out rather forcibly "we have been in existence for nearly seven decades and it is ridiculous to think of a club with our great tradition folding up".

Moves are also afoot among several clubs to revive the England Amateur team in a new guise to play representative football. What better way than to have the Wanderers with their vast experience and 'know-how' to take over what could amount to a British Olympic side.

The hasty way in which the Football Association dropped the Amateur Cup and Amateur Internationals has left a vacuum. Players now have no incentive to gain representative honours and the FA Challenge Trophy and Vase are poor substitutes for the Amateur Cup.

Saturday's FA cup results brought their usual joy and gloom and in the wake of defeat invariably comes managerial changes. That most troubled Surrey club, Walton and Hersham, are expected to be the

first. Their last win was a 1-0 victory over Hampton on September 28 and having conceded 23 goals with only two in reply, Saturday's 7-1 FA cup defeat by Leatherhead could be the end for Manager Vince Craven. Among those fancied to replace him is Johnny Martin, the former Kingstonian and Walton inside forward. Martin, who turned professional with Cambridge United from Kingstonian about 10 years ago, had been managing Westfield in the Surrey Senior League and this season took over Spartan League side Bracknell Town.

Hayes meet next week and there could be managerial changes there following their shock cup exit at the hands of Sussex County League side Southwick.

Kingstonian's new £70,000 clubhouse is nearing completion and a "topping up" ceremony is being held there on Friday. The clubhouse is expected to be opened in December.

Brian Harvey (35) has decided to hang up his boots. Harvey, one of the greatest natural outside lefts to grace amateur football since the war, had been with Leytonstone for 12 years, making over 600 appearances for them and gaining 12 of his 22 England caps with them. He won every honour in the game including Amateur Cup winners medals with Walthamstow Avenue and Leytonstone.

Leatherhead have signed on two more young Fulham players — forward Colin Warren and full back Peter Fitzgerald. Both are 17 and follow Derek Casey, Derek Wells, Johnny Cooper and Barry Friend to Fetcham Grove. Friend went back to Craven Cottage last year as a professional.

The transfers of Tony Bass and John Still from Bishop's Stortford to Ilford went through late last week. Others are: Bishop's Stortford; Trevor Blacktin from Hertford, John Mears from Bromley and Kevin Mulkern from Hitchin; Bromley have signed Steve Waller from Hendon, Keith Mills, formerly with Wimbledon;